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Honorable Brian M. Cogan
United States District Judge
Eastern District of New York
225 Cadman Plaza East
Brooklyn, New York 11201

Re: United States v. Colinford Mattis and Urooj Rahman
Criminal Docket No. 20-203 (BMC)

Dear Judge Cogan:

The parties respectfully submit this joint status report to the Court in lieu of the status conference currently scheduled for December 17, 2020, at 11:30 a.m.

The defendants Colinford Mattis and Urooj Rahman are charged in a seven-count indictment with use of explosives, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 844(f)(1); arson, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 844(i); using an explosive to commit a felony, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 844(h)(1); arson conspiracy, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 844(n); use of a destructive device, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 924(c)(1)(B)(ii); civil disorder, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 231(a)(3); and possessing and making a destructive device, in violation of 26 U.S.C. §§ 5861(d) and 5861(f).

On July 15, 2020, the Court held a status conference and excluded time under the Speedy Trial Act for continued discovery. On September 14, 2020, the parties submitted a joint status report and the Court excluded time thereafter under the Speedy Trial Act for continued discovery.

The government has recently produced the remainder of the Rule 16 discovery in its possession to defense counsel. To enable defense counsel to complete their review of the discovery and to consider whether plea negotiations would be fruitful, the parties request that the Court continue the status conference currently scheduled for December 17, 2020, for 60 days or to a date convenient to the Court.

Finally, the parties request that the Court exclude time under the Speedy Trial Act. Specifically, the parties request that the Court find that the ends of justice served by ordering the requested continuance, particularly the defendants' need to review the voluminous discovery produced to-date, outweigh the best interests of the public and the defendant's right to a speedy trial, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A).

Very truly yours,

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